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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 35-39, 41-47 and 55-59 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the closest prior art of record (Sharkey et al US 5540701) requires a resectoscope or other suitable instrument to grab the proximal end of the urethral stent for removal rather than a continuing segment extending from the proximal anchor and extending out of the body while the urethral stent is implanted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas J. Sweet whose telephone number is 571-272-4761. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 am - 5:00pm, M-Th.

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